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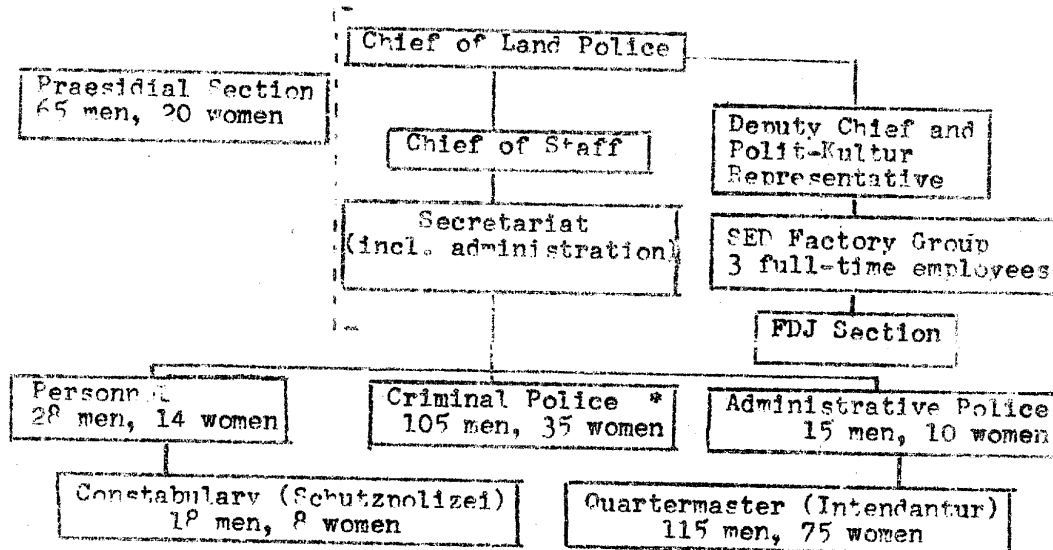
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1. The Table of Organization strength of the Brandenburg police is estimated to be nearly 10,000 (excluding the paramilitary police). The T/O strength, however, has never been reached and the actual strength remains on the average 30 percent below T/O requirements. Five hundred and eleven men and women of the police are employed in Land Police Headquarters (Landespolizei-behörde) at Potsdam.
2. Land Police Headquarters in Potsdam is organized in accordance with the directives of the German Administration of the Interior and is typical of all other Land police headquarters in the Soviet Zone. The following simplified diagram gives the organizational picture and the T/O strength of the various departments:



* Including Landeskriminalpolizeiamt

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3. The following are the most important personalities of the Brandenburg police:

Chief of Land Police : General Richard Staimer (now reportedly Minister of the Interior, succeeding Bernhard Bechler)

Deputy Chief and Polit-Kulture representative : Colonel (Kommandeur) H. Gartmann

Chief of Staff : Lt Colonel (Oberpolizeirat) G. Hirsch

Chief of Personnel : Ministerialrat Richard Törring

Deputy Chief : Major (Polizeirat) Otto Gramm

Land Criminal Police Chief : Colonel (Kriminaldirektor) Krauthaus

Deputy Chief : Lt Colonel (Oberkriminalrat) Finkl

Chief of K-5 : Major (Kriminalrat) Reimann

Constabulary Chief : Colonel Kommandeur Hermann Leverenz

Quartermaster : Major (Polizeirat) Haberkuk

Administrative Police : Major (Polizeirat) Lebek

Leader of SED Factory Group : Lt Colonel (Oberpolizeirat) Peter Scheib

4. Command of the police is exercised equally through functional and party channels. This is made possible particularly because the chiefs of the Land Police, the Criminal Police, the Personnel Section and of the SED Factory Group, as well as the deputy chief and PK representative and the chief of the K-5 Section are all members of the so-called "Engere Partelaktiv" (Select party-active). In addition, all of the officials referred to in paragraph 3 (above) and about a dozen more higher officials are members of the enlarged party active. The select party active holds a meeting every morning at 8:00 in the office of Staimer; decisions are then communicated to the chiefs of division and the members of the enlarged party active. However, since in most cases the important functional officials are members of the party active, the parallel chains of command are not always distinct.

5. All police activities continue to be supervised closely by representatives of the S.A. The Russian officers [redacted] were Colonels Anochin and Turochin, and Lt. Colonel Patov.

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6. SED Organization. [redacted] the extent of SED control of the police is demonstrated by the intensity of party activity within the police organization. In Land Brandenburg headquarters, in accordance with S.A. and GAI instructions, three full-time, salaried functionaries were assigned to the SED Factory Group. The chairman, Lt. Colonel (Oberpolizeirat) Peter Scheib, is absolutely pro-Russian. An engineer by profession, he emigrated to the USSR in 1930 and returned to Germany in 1947. While personally a friendly and cooperative individual, he is quite ruthless against political opposition. From a propagandistic and organizational point of view, Scheib's work must be recognized as successful. He is assisted by a police lieutenant and a female secretary, the names of whom are not known [redacted]

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7. The SED Factory Group supervised the activities of the SED sections in the various departments of the police. Each section has a chairman and a personnel referent who, however, have to fulfill their regular duties in addition to party tasks. Within the sections, there are a number of so-called 10-man groups, the number of which varies with the size of the sections. The sections have to meet at least once weekly. Once every month there is a meeting of the whole factory group. The personnel referents are responsible to enforce the attendance at these meetings of all members. Records of attendance are kept, and non-appearance must be fully justified. The factory group keeps a master index on all SED members (today, in effect, all members of the Brandenburg police) which tell at a glance the extent and effectiveness of the individual's political activity. This is of great importance to the individual, since no promotions are possible without factory group endorsement which depends exclusively on "political reliability".

8. Personnel Department (Abteilung "P"). In accordance with the East Zone practice, the personnel department of the Brandenburg police is not merely an office for personnel administration and allied matters, but is an office of considerable political importance and significance. Supplementing Section K-5 of the Criminal Police is the Personnel Department's own active political surveillance organization (Section P-5), charged primarily with security responsibilities for police personnel. The preferential position of the Personnel Department within the police structure is also demonstrated by the fact that members of the frequent investigating, control, and examining commissions are invariably selected from among the members of the Personnel Department. Following is the organizational breakdown of the Personnel Department:

- P-1 Legal questions, social welfare and support of needy employees.
- P-2 Structural organization, T/O questions, salary matters, monthly reports.
- P-3 Procurement and dismissal of criminal police and administrative police.
- P-4 Procurement and dismissal of other police personnel.
- P-5 Investigations and surveillance.
- P-6 Schools and training.
- P-7 Disciplinary matters and complaints.
- P-8 Secretariat and registry.

9. In summer 1949 the Personnel Department re-surveyed all police personnel with a view of grouping them into one of the following categories:

- Category 1 Politically well indoctrinated, very active. No minus points. Professionally competent. Recommended for immediate promotion.
- Category 2 Politically reliable, active. Professionally above average. Earmarked for later promotion.
- Category 3 Politically immature, active SED member. Professionally average. Recommended for courses at police and party schools.

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- Category 4 Politically reliable, but not active in SED work. Professionally below average. Not recommended for promotion, or schooling. Permitted to remain in subordinate positions.
- Category 5 Politically conscious, but not consistent. Shows oppositional tendencies. Active party member. Professionally average. Recommended for transfer to less sensitive position (outside police).
- Category 6 Politically not ascertainable. Includes SED members vetoed by CIA. Must be dismissed immediately.

10. In grouping an individual into one of the above categories, the following were considered plus points: working class origin, leftist political or trade union activity of parents, sisters, or brothers before 1933, between 1933 and 1945, KPD or SED membership after 1945; illegal activity under Hitler regime; concentration camp experience; active in party work; above average professionally; police school and party school graduations. In contrast, the following were considered minus points: bourgeois origin; membership in NSDAP; membership in SPD, CDU, or FDP since 1945; no party membership at all; non-active member of SED; higher than sergeant in German Army (unless re-trained in the USSR); POW in the West; longer than seven months in Western POW captivity, particularly if relatives abroad or in Western Germany. Close relatives in Western Germany were considered of such significance that they outweighed all other considerations, and the policeman in question was invariably recommended for dismissal.

11. The paramilitary police units (Polizeibereitschaften) and the Border Police stationed in Land Brandenburg do not come under the jurisdiction of the Land Brandenburg police.

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